

VICTORIOUS FAMILY

Winning the family battles...



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Dedication

I warmly dedicate this book to God Almighty, the Prince of Peace, Rose of Sharon, Lion of the tribe of Judah for the great privilege given to me. Also to the most outstanding woman I have ever met, my beloved, darling wife, Omotayo, and to the possibility that God is allowing us to be stewards of His Kingdom here on earth. To my four dear children; Dunamis, Dominion, King and Triumph. Also to every member of Singles and Married Channel.

Introduction

The word Victorious is an adjective indicating the sense of victory or winning in a contest, struggle, challenge, etc. So a victorious family is a family that passed through unpleasant situations or challenges successfully.

Before we go deeper with further explanations, I will like to draw our attention to this. As true children of God, we shouldn't just depend on our fleshy human sense or be using worldly ideas to handle or deal with our family issues. Worldly ideas cannot give us a real solution. It is only our response to the words of God that will make way to end the dry seasons in our life.

There is a story of a little boy who was playing with his rubber ball outside of the house on a cool evening. As the little boy was kicking his rubber ball all over the place, his old father sat nearby enjoying the cool breeze of the evening. Suddenly, the little boy's ball fell on the roof of the house and got stuck there. The "clever" boy quickly got a long stick with which to dislodge his ball from the roof. However, because of his small stature, whenever he moved near the house he could not see the top of the roof. When he moved back to a point where he could see the ball on the roof he would be too far from the house.

After several futile efforts to reach the ball, the boy in desperation went to meet his father. With tears in his eyes he appealed to the old man for help. The man looked at him rather sadly and said, "Didn't you see me here all this time? Why do you have to wait till you are tired

and frustrated before coming to me for help? ”

The little boy did not say a word because he was in regretful mood. The father got up and in a moment the ball was again in the little boy's eager hands. 'Thank you Daddy ', he said 'I hope you have learnt your lesson ', the father replied.

Many of us are like the little boy in this story. We are true sons and daughters of God, born-again, sanctified, holy-living and tongue-talking. Yet we carry our burdens about apparently ignoring the fact that our father in heaven is more than able to solve all problems.

Of course, we know that He is able but we feel we should try our fleshy sense first. After all, we are all strong, wise and experienced. We reason like the people of the world. But did not **1 Peter 5:7**, says that we should cast all our

cares upon Him because He cares for us?

For instance, in the time of Isaac, there was a physical famine in the land. King and subjects alike were affected. The famine was very severe and king Abimelech and all his experts saw no way out. Isaac was also in that land. He despised the famine and obeyed the Word of God sowing despite the weather condition, and God blessed him. Isaac became great because he operated God's Word.

As a family, the word of God is our ticket to healing, deliverance, abundance, restoration, breakthrough, promotion, etc. And just like two wings of an eagle make it soar higher, it is only the application of the word to a given circumstance that can produce favourable results not the use of force. In the Bible:...But Simon answered and said to Him, **Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing;**

nevertheless at Your word, I will let down the net. Luke 5:5

Never put your faith in any creation or use the creation to find your victory, because what cannot save itself is certainly not eligible to give you victory. That is one of the reasons why God has a tremendous problem with idol worship.

- How can you identify your ability by worshipping an image?**
- How can you find out your victory by believing that a man who himself is not saved from death is capable of saving you from death?**
- How dare you believe that your pregnancy delay can be resolved with the help of a figurine?**

You will never know your worth by relating to the creation, only to the Creator. The key to life victory is in the source of life (God), not in the life itself.

People of the world can never reason or have ideas about the things of God. God created us and make us be fruitful and multiply (**Genesis 1:28**). Only Him has the solution to issues any family might be encountering. The things of God are like a strange language to the people of the world. So you don't compare your life, family or marriage with the people of the world if you want to be victorious.

Some families, despite being born again, they are still scamper by the spirit of fear. Certainly traditional beliefs and wrong orientations had captivated them into fear. Though they believed in God's supremacy, they are in awe of

other gods. Such families can never have the victory they deserved until they realized that there is

only one God and are liberated by the truth (the words of God) **John 8:32**. Only the Creator who made all things is the Saviour, but other gods are mere impostors.

It does not matter the present situation of your family or marriage, One truth which I believed is that "You are not a failure. You only fall because you're only a learner. Every one of us is a learner one way or the other. You haven't been knocked out, only knocked down. If you will get back up you will win. All you will need are the things that we will be enlightening ourselves in this book.

Now to our business concerning Victorious Family...

Victorious Family

There is know how we will talk about a family that will not first talk about marriage. This is because out of marriage is family created. Family is God's idea. The devil is after every family because he knows if it is well with every family, it will be well with our community, it will be well with our society and it will be well with the world. God has designed the family for

success and not failure. He proved this by being practically involved in the institution of the first marriage. And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him, **Genesis 2:18.**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh, Genesis 2:24.

Imagine the beauty and comfort of the garden of Eden. There was nothing like wild animals then. The lions with other animals play around with Adam and Eve. No evil but 100% pure goodness. Adam and Eve don't need to work before they eat. What a pleasant and successful experience. But it is a pity as all turned the opposite after humankind lost its relationship with God and tried to pursue their ways. After this, problems came into the world and family, **Genesis 3.**

Satan, whose very name means "adversary," will surely make his attacks on us, on our marriages, on our spouses, and our children. There will be a day when we are tested and must withstand "the wiles of the devil." Are you aware that Joseph was tested? What happened between Joseph and his master's wife was a test. If you read the whole book of **Genesis 39**, you will understand better. The loyalty of Joseph was what made him victorious.

Genesis 39:11-21

11: But it happened about this time when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

12: that she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me.' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

13: And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

14: that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, 'See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came into me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

15: And it happened when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside. "

16: So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.

17: Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, 'The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came into me to mock me;

18: so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside. "

19: So it was when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner, "that his anger was aroused.

20: Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's

prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

21: But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Psalms 105:17-21

17: He sent a man before them, Joseph who was sold as a slave.

18: They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons.

19: Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him.

20: The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free.

21: He made him lord of his house, And the ruler of all his possessions...

We should always be prepared for times like that, always be ready to stand our ground and not retreat one inch from the truth. The devil is

the primary problem behind every marital predicament, not your spouse. The devil is a spirit. He too can see visions. He knows many things about your life and future that you don't even have an idea about. He knows the glory ahead of the union of the first marriage in the garden of Eden. It was the reason he tricked Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Same thing he is still doing today to marriages. The devil can come through anybody, it could be through any of your family members, spouse, friends, children or neighbours to stop the glory ahead of a family or marriage. That your spouse who suddenly changed in behaviour, and started treating you bad is the work of the devil. Your child that suddenly becomes arrogant is the handwork of the devil. So don't just query your spouse, Resist the devil and he will flee from your home and marriage, **James 4:7**. The devil is the one causing the roaring storm, silent him and there will be peace. Though there may

be things we too will need to make corrections on, effaced, fix or confront our spouse or children about if we notice or see them wrong. But what I am saying is that the devil is the primary source of problems in any godly family.

The Bible says in **Ephesians 6:12**, **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Don't be fooled, money or material things are not measures of a true family victory. There are wealthy families whose children have become either drug addicts or real miscreants. The absence of God in their lives has made them a reproach to the society. If you and your family are in pursuit of gold, seek also Christ with it because you and your family will always need Him to preserve your gold. Your family might

have houses, cars, and overflowing money in the bank account, but that doesn't mean your family is victorious if they don't have God. A family that desires victory is always in alignment with the nature of God and character.

Based on the type of society we are in when a Christian family fails, it gives room for mockery; but when there is a family success, it becomes an enviable example to others. Understand that successfully working with God in a marriage makes a victorious family. Any family who gains victory or success in family-related issues is bound to succeed in other areas of life. There is no limit to the kind of blessing and pleasure God can bring to your life when your home is in order.

The family can be likened to a house building or every other material. Just as they require the

necessary raw materials to become a strong building, finished goods and function excellently, so also the family cannot be victorious until relevant materials are fully possessed.

Right from courtship is when the devil had been pursuing the man and woman. He knows the purpose of the courtship is marriage and he doesn't want it to be fulfilled. The devil hardly scatters the courtship, more of the things he does is to give both parties the forbidden fruit which is sex before marriage. The devil presents premarital sex like a pill coated with sweet honey but inside it is full of bitterness. The moment you put it in your mouth it will first taste sweet honey within a few seconds but its bitterness will last a long time.

If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

Psalms 11:3.

Note: Family victory does not come coincidentally. It comes through consistent abiding and obedience to God.

- You cannot be a hypocrite in attitude and be expecting to be victorious.**
- You cannot be lukewarm in Christ and be a victorious person.**
- You cannot relate to rivals in a family and be victorious.**
- A family cannot have a leg in Christ and another leg in the world and be victorious.**

- A family cannot put other things above God and be victorious.
- A family where the presence of God is missing can never have victory.
- You cannot have an alternative to God and be expecting victory.

For lots of families, the solution to their problem is what they lack. They have a leg in Christ and the other leg in the world. They want to follow the world and God at the same time which is impossible. We have to learn how to live in this world and not become of this world. Many families lost the battle because they believe more in their human sense than God. They often see God as an alternative and not their first and only option. They don't faithfully abide in Christ and it is the reason their marriage withered.

When you preferred or you are more comfortable going from place to place seeking spiritual help to marital problems than having a cordial relationship with God, you cannot have victory. When you give your life to a spiritual mentor instead of God and trust more in the spiritual mentor than you have faith in God you cannot be victorious.

A person who is inactive in prayer and not following the path of God but preferred only seeking those that would be giving him visions will certainly lose the battle. I am not saying it is not good to seek people with higher anointing for assistance but what I am saying is that a person who is not faithful in Christ can not benefit from the things that belong only to the children of God.

Though there are real visions which are directly

from God. But, to be sincere, only one or two out of every ten visions heard these days are from God while others are fake, cooked stories. Many of the visionaries in our society these days are not really from God. They are from gods, messengers of the devil. **Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."**

Don't let someone rob you of your faith in God in the name of vision. In the name of seeking victory over marital challenges, people run after all these sorcerers of the demons who covered up with the name of apostles and prophets seeing different visions. Although they are motivated by evil spirit, the false prophets will pretend to divine inspiration. All they know about is to use this, use that. They give you Psalms to read. At the end of the day, they will use their demonic power to take away the real person out of your spouse and be left empty.

Out of your ignorance, you will be happy thinking they have done you good, your battle is over, and you have the victory. Truly your spouse might suddenly stop those things you complain about and become gentle. He now listens to you or started doing to you things you want but I tell you he is not the normal him anymore. After some months begin to watch your spouse, and you will see that everything about his life will be going down. He would not be influential like before. He might start having an inferiority complex. His life dream will be dead. And so many like that. This is not victory.

Your challenge is the lack of the fruit of the womb. Maybe while seeking spiritual assistance for victory the called spiritual man told you he is going to sleep you or he is going to bathe for you or anything similar, this is not victory. Whatever the positive outcome their spiritual work gives you can never last. You said it

sounds like a curse; it is not a curse but a reality unless we want to deceive ourselves.

Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

There is a true-life story of a woman that experienced a similar situation. After 15 years of childless marriage, this woman tries to seek extra spiritual help. I called it extra because she was a devoted Christian. She waited faithfully for 15 years, fasting and praying and seeking God's mercy on her problem. Her husband too was a devoted Christian so this made him not put pressure on the woman as ordinary people used to. Without her husband's consent, she went to seek extra spiritual help. The spiritual man in charge of the place she went to (Note: I decided to call it a place instead of a church

because a church is a house of God, not a devil's house) collected money from her. He bathed her full naked by the riverside and slept with this same woman inside his called powerhouse. He also gave this woman Psalms and some demonic incantation to read inside water mixed with a black powder thing given to her. Two months later it was medically confirmed that the woman was pregnant. It was a joyous happening for the husband because he believed God has finally answered him and his wife. The woman too was full of praise that God has eventually resolved her issue. When it is the 9th month, the woman was expecting to be put to bed but nothing happened. Her EDD (Expected Date of Delivery) passed the baby didn't give any sign of coming. 9 months turned 12 months, turned 16 months to 24 months, and nothing still happen. The worst part of till is when she got to the hospital the doctor couldn't see any baby in her womb

again. Her stomach was as big as a bag of rice but the ultrasound scan result shows nothing was in her womb again. Can you imagine, a pregnancy they have been monitoring medically for a month that they saw a foetus grow into a baby and later suddenly disappeared in the womb. The stomach remained big but no baby inside again. The woman became very sick and was in great pain. Every day she has sleepless nights as she cries and complained some things are battling inside her womb. The husband spent all his life savings on different medical tests and care but no solution. The woman was taken for deliverance, it was there it was revealed what the woman did. Thank God for His faithfulness and mercy every time on us. The woman thought she can get the victory elsewhere outside God but rather she got a bigger problem. Her marriage almost got broken because her husband rejected her immediately. For months her husband didn't

allow her to come back home as he announced their marriage was over. With the intervention of God, their church pastors, families and friends were how the whole issue was resolved and her husband forgive her. To God be the glory, less than two years later this woman became pregnant and gave birth to twins. Only God has the Victory!

This life is full of advertisements for your attention. Life is crowded and jammed with distractions. They come from all sides, trying to shake you from your godly marital objectives. If you don't have an objective or are truly committed to Christ and your marriage, they will provide one for you to distract you from your marriage and the presence of God.

One of the victorious families in the Bible was Noah's family.

Noah and his family lived in a time of moral depravity, so great that the Bible says the Lord saw wickedness and thoughts that were always for evil. However, the Lord showed his goodwill to Noah. The story is not just about Noah, but about his entire family. Amid the flood, God spared the lives of eight people, a whole family. Noah did not win alone.

The world today can be compared to the society of Noah's era. We live in a time of moral decay and many social, political, and spiritual issues. That is the reason why we need to take care of our homes: so there is redemption in it. We need to attain God's attention, just like Noah's family, so we can receive the information on how to build and find protection inside the ark.

Genesis 6:5-9

5: Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6: And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7: So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' "

8: But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9: This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:18

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

There is good news for you, no matter what has knocked your family or marriage down, you can still get up from where you are. The last chapter of your story has not yet been written. All you need is to possess the necessary steps.

For a family to be victorious, it has to possess the following steps...

Principles Of A Victorious Family

Chapter One

Salvation

Salvation is the first material and step a family needs to possess to be victorious. By salvation, our family will put on a new man which is the nature of Christ. When our family become saved we adopt Christ's righteous and holy nature. As we focus on our relationship with God, through communicating with Him and surrendering to His guidance, more and more of that godly nature will be lived through us and from there our victory is certain. When we receive Christ, we are no longer slaves to the devil because we have "put on a new man".

God now sees us as righteous. He sees us as His own. God is never a loser which means our family has automatically turned into a winner, a victorious family. Hallelujah!

This is the solid and reliable foundation for victory over whatever the challenge either in the physical realm or spiritual realm. This family salvation will help to take away all the recorded old sins. This also includes the forbidden fruits the husband or wife might have eaten during their courtship days. God is always ready to forgive us our sins. All we need is to confess them to Him. The Bible says in **1 John 1:9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

God is not a magician. Before victory can be obtained from Him, You must first abide in Him, and His words must abide in you. If that

condition is met, you can ask anything in Jesus ' name and it will be done for you. Jesus wants to knock the limits off your mind. But first He requires that you stay hooked up with God. Then He says, 'Go ahead and ask me for anything. I'll do whatever you ask.'" That's God ' s word on you.

When you, your family or your marriage face difficulties, your answer is not in your pastor. Nor is it in your counsellor or the books you read. These can be helpful for input, but the answer is in you. Christ in you, not in me. I have my own Christ image. You have yours. Christ in you the hope of glory. That is the major reason for your ever abiding in Christ.

Confession of sins before God is what will clean every sinful record the devil can use to persecute the family. It will take away the bad foundation of the family and replace it with a

new solid foundation. It's in the Bible, **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

It shouldn't just end with the confession of sins but the family need to extend it to the creating of space for God in their lives. Your continuous abiding in God will make your spirit absorbs godliness and victory. A family needs to receive Jesus' life. Surrender their lives to God, and let Christ live in them. It's in the Bible, **Galatians 2:20**. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Carnality disqualifies you for victory. Nothing like one leg in Christ and the other leg in the

world. It should be total surrendering to God and continuous abiding in Him as it is written in the book of **John 15:4-7 ...**

4: Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5: I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6: If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7: If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

A grapevine is an interesting plant. The vine, which is the thick wooden part running from the ground up the pole, is the only part of the

plant that contains life ability. None of the life is in the branches; all of it is in the vine. There is no life in the little green things you see on the side with the grapes hanging on them. They are getting their life from the vine. They have no roots in themselves. If you were to break one of those green branches off and plant it in the ground, it would never grow because it has no life ability in it. Each small branch has to depend on the life flowing up and down the great branch, the vine, to give it life. Thus the branches cannot live without the vine.

Any branch that is cut off or resists from its origin will dry off and wither away. God instituted marriage, the very day your father and mother slept together to conceive you, God was there. He is your origin and creator of the marriage. Your victory, family victory and victory of your marriage are all in His hands. The more you and everything about your life

abides in Him the fresher and more successful your life will be. When you stick to God, it does not matter the challenges you are passing through, no matter the strength of the storm roaming around you, no matter the devourer attacking other marriages, yours will stand out triumphantly.

The relationship between the vine and its branches is reflected throughout God's creation. Life is not possible when a thing is separated from its source. That is the reason it is important to abide in God without seasoning.

Despite all the wickedness in the world then Noah and his family abide in the Lord. God found benevolence in Noah. God saw a family shaped by godly standards and not by the society in which they lived. Today, many people and family live their lives based on what is reigning in the world be it moral or immoral.

One of the things that gave Noah and his family victory was the blindness they have to the world and the standard they set for righteousness (salvation). A family that serves the Lord is different, and even with all the ugliness of the world, God still saves Noah, family. A family that belongs to God does not stay in the storm but has shelter inside the ark.

Your salvation should reflect in everything (business, education, relating with others, religion, daily living, your communication, thinking, etc) about your life and family. Your lifestyle should be the type that draws people to Christ and not discourage them from serving God. Noah's salvation reflected on his three sons' wives. The three women Noah's sons married were from different families but only the three women were saved from their families. If Noah and his wife were bad inlaws and not a godly people, their behaviour would have

discouraged the three wives of his sons from believing in them.

Rejoice, for you are now a family of God! It's in the Bible, **John 1:12. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.**

Chapter Two

Obedience

Obedience is willing to comply with the commands, orders, or instructions of God. Anything that takes the place of God in your life is your god. Watch it! Nothing shuts the heavens over you faster than disobedience. Not even the devil or any other power will be able to do anything to stop a family that walk in obedience to God's instructions. In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve but the life He intended for them and every seed that would come out of them was destroyed by their disobedience. Satan's deception and the sin of the man and the woman through disobedience destroyed the

relationship between God and the creatures He had taken out of Himself.

Just like God created everything to flourish within a specific environment. Plants, animals and fish all need a specific environment to live.

This is also true of man. The ability to live and victory of many marriages are nullified, aborted, and destroyed when the environment is violated or disrupted. When obedience is no more their way of life.

The only limitations of your victory are violations of God's Word. If you do anything that doesn't violate the Word of God, you are on your path to victory. God gives you the freedom to do anything except disobey Him. That's tremendous freedom. You are free to do anything within the context of God's Word. If God says it's cool, go for it, because the

possibilities of your life are all connected with God. Every step of obedience taken moves you closer to your breakthrough in life.

Not being a faithful follower is an indication that you don't believe in the covenant and it is an act of disobedience. But it is the covenant that opens the heavens, and walking according to its dictates keeps it perpetually open! Your heaven will no longer stay from dew, nor your earth stayed from her fruit, in Jesus' name!

Please remember, that you can only serve the Lord with delight when you obey and give Him His place. **John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.** This has to do with obeying God, continuous abiding in God **John 15:4-7** and putting on the whole Armour of God according to the book of **Ephesians 6:13-17**.

13: Therefore take up the whole armour of God,

that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14: Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15: and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16: above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

About Noah **Genesis 6:9-22**

We need to think about how hard it was to build the ark...God instructed Noah on how to construct it, but if he and his family had not followed through in obedience, they would have perished in the flood. God did not make an ark appear, Noah and his family had to build it. It was the godly salvation of Noah and his family that made God relate with only the family in the

whole world then. Let me ask you a question, do you think you and your family are qualified today like Noah and his family?

God gave all the details necessary for building the ark. When we follow the Lord, He gives direction. His Word is filled with guidelines toward a blessed home, but the decision to build on it and execute His orders is ours to make. The Bible states that Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him. Just like Noah, we must be attentive to his commands, bring them into our homes, and obey every single one of them.

Noah had to work for it. If the ark had not been built, surely the family would have no shelter to be saved from the flood. To rescue our home and family, we must act as God dictates.

Lack of obedience causes the Israelites' journey

of 11 days to turn into 40 years journey, **Deuteronomy 1:2-3** . Many families are struggling for victory today simply because they refused to act on God's rules. We cannot be disobedient to God and believe more in our human flesh and be victorious. It is impossible. Any intention that isn't contrary to the word of God, or obedience to Christ's wishes for your life and family is a God's intention. Therefore we are to cast down anything contrary to the word or way of God. If you are on a path that is not in keeping with God's will, depart from it. The lies and immoral acts you are indulging in will reduce you and cause you to lose your victory to the enemy.

If you look at the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, **1 Kings 17: 8-24**, you would discover the power of victory in obedience. The woman until that moment never knew she was going to live beyond the last meal in her home.

Even when the widow announced that she was working towards preparing the last meal. Elijah still said make mine first. At this point, it took simple obedience for the widow to overturn her present situation or predicament. And so she and her son kept living. Often is waiting for simple obedience to God's word because there is always a word that activates one's victory in life. If the widow had refused to obey Elijah, she probably would have eaten her last meal and died.

Obedience has the power to close the gates of hell and open the windows of heaven. Your heaven will no longer stay from dew, nor your earth stayed from her fruit when you are living in obedience to God. Our obedience should not be of eye-catching service but a way of our life. Whether we are in public places or private, we should be obedient.

Our obedience should not be limited to God or our spiritual mentors alone but it should be our way of life that we use to relate to each other as husband and wife. We should also do everything to make sure obedience is our children's way of life too in our presence or absence. When there is obedience, there will be transparency and this will help strengthen the marital union and family to stand and overcome every trial of time.

This is the only way to maintain our continuous abiding in Christ and be victorious.

Chapter Three

Love

Commonly love can be defined as an intense feeling of affection and care towards another person. But the Bible explained to us it is more than that. Love isn't something a person can just get on the street, or in the world. Love is not something that can be put on a person, it is a fruit of the spirit. The Bible explained this in the book of **Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love...** Intense feelings and affection are things of the flesh. They are never stable or real. As human beings, we know feelings come and go. That is the reason there are much fake love and conditional love in our world. Only in God, we can find true love.

A person or family with faithful continuous abiding in God is certainly to have the fruit of the spirit which is love. It was the love that Noah and his family had for one another that enabled them to relate together and not tear apart. The love made them to endure and acted in kindness all through the period of building the ark. Noah's son's wives were not rude to him or their husbands neither did Noah and his wife too take any of them for granted. They didn't provoke them or say after all they are our son's wives let us treat them as we like. The love in Noah's family made them not have a single doubt about the ark God told Noah to build. They all believe in it and bear the period together to build it.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Sincerely, imagine someone suddenly starting building a big ark on dry land not even close to

a river. And when approached he explained God told him to build it because a flood is coming to destroy the world. It sounds so foolish and untrue. Think up the various reactions Noah and his family would have gotten from the world then. While the people of the world were busy doubting and calling Noah names his family stood by him because of his true love.

1 John 4:7-9

7: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8: He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9: In this, the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

John 15:4

All these are the fruit of the Spirit and they are only possible as the result of abiding in the vine.

1 Corinthians 13:1- 3

1: Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not to love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, but have not to love, I am nothing.

3: And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not to love, it profits me nothing.

I John 4:20

If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

When there is true love in a family, it makes everything easier and everything works out smoothly for them. This is possible because their love for one another will make them bear all things together, believes all things together, hopes all things together, and endures all things together.

When there is true love in a family, it is always easy for them to resolve their differences. True love often makes way for transparency and peace to dominate. True love between couples will strengthen their prayers to provoke heaven to open for them.

Love is the tree that bears all the positive fruits

a family need to survive the time of challenge and become victorious. In any family where true love is missing, is certain to wreck. They don't need a prophet to tell them this because true love brings in the presence of God but when there is no true love, kings of darkness and his messengers dominate.

Conditional love is hypocrisy in nature and doesn't bring victory. It is a devilish type of love. This kind of love can not make a family successful. Any relationship where this type of love is a way of life usually ends in heartbreak. As a couple that desires victory, let the love you share in your family be true love. Comes rain or dryness, let your love be real. Don't let your love be for money, flesh or material things.

As a husband and wife, your love for each other should not be because of money, beauty, sex or being attached to anything but everything

about your partner. True love should be extended to your children too. Treat them with love, if they do anything wrong, rebuke and discipline them in love and not hatred.

People around you too should benefit from your love. Let how your relationship with them be in affection that would draw them to Christ. You need to be generous and kind towards them without discrimination. This is how you can be victorious over them.

True love makes way for unity. When there is true love between the husband and wife, it earns paths for them to unite together and act as one. This unity is what we shall be discussing in the next chapter.

Chapter Four

Unity

We need to understand that unity within our marriage and home is essential to follow God's plans. The man and woman are two different people in the world but in marriage, God made them one flesh, **Genesis 2:24**. Therefore, it is important for a family to always be in one accord. Doing things in unity, talking together, praying together, playing together, sharing life, serving God together, etc. The husband and wife are to bear one another's burden. The Bible says in **Galatians 6:2 Bear one another burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ**. There

should be nothing like it is your problem, you have to work it out on your own, and other selfish stuff like that. The failure of either of the couple is the failure of the whole family.

Noah's family worked in unity to build the ark. They all bear each other burden day and night. Noah's wife or children didn't abandon Noah to face the building of the ark alone. They didn't reject him saying after all Noah was the only one God called and leave him all alone to face the consequences. Rather, Noah's family worked together before the flood and continued doing so during the time they remained inside the ark. Imagine the work that went into taking care of all those animals and the tasks to maintain the ark in itself. They needed to be very organized and work together for the same purpose. Unity within the ark was essential.

A home must be a place of shelter, love, and

respect. Husband and wife should relate mutually in everything. Husbands must respect their wives, and wives respect their husbands. Children need to learn how to talk with parents, and parents with their children. Though the society shows us marriages that do not last and children who disrespect their parents that should not be a path for us to follow as Christians who want victory for their families. The unity of a family builds up strength for them. In a marriage where there is true unity between husband and wife, no storm can tear them apart. Even in times of challenges, unity will make them easily overcome victorious.

Imagine a bird, the unity of the two wings is what makes it fly successfully. With a wing, no bird can fly successfully. It will just be staggering on a spot. This is the reason some marriages are stagnant, lack of unity of the couple. There was an incident of a couple, it

happened in the year 2005, the couple just knows both of them are working but they have no idea of each other's monthly salary. This couple is living in a rented house but it later happened that the wife built a house with four flat apartments without the consent of her husband. The wife gave the house out to a house agent and her husband rented one of the flat apartments without knowing the house belong to his wife. The wife was so secretive that she with her husband and four children lived in the house for about six years before the whole truth was uncovered. The family was divided at the end of the day because of what the wife did. Fragmented families cannot be victorious because they can never escape the storm. **Mark 3:25, And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.** Do Not Allow Your Family to Become Divided no matter what.

Some years ago, I was invited to a church program and there I heard the testimony of a family. For 11 years this family fought a great fight. They went through diverse challenges, loss of job, sickness, and the husband suffered paralysis for over 5 years. They withdraw their four children from school because they couldn't finance their education. Their landlord suddenly gave them quit notice and sent them out of his house. With all these and more this family remained one. They didn't allow the situation to divide them. The more the problem the more this husband and wife unite. They always pray together seeking the mercy of God. One day at the marketplace where they usually do all forms of odd jobs to earn a living, they met a man who God used to change their story. Within six months, God restored all their losses in multiple. The husband got a good job, the wife got a free interest loan to establish a supermarket, and their four children started schooling back in

one of the best schools in the city.

That is the power of unity in marriage. The truth is, every marriage will pass through what I called the "wilderness of trials or challenges" before it will enter the land called successful. So what will determine the couple's victory or defeat is how they cooperate to handle their trial and challenges. If the family that I shared their testimony had not united during their trials, they would have been defeated by their trials. The devil would have won over them. They would not have had the opportunity to stand before the congregation to share their victorious testimonies. All through their period of trials, they didn't split but united together as one and that was how the devil was defeated.

Don't let money, friends, property, family, children, challenges, or anything cause diversions in your marriage. Whatever the

achievement of any of the couple is the achievement of both and the family as a whole. Husband and wife are one flesh, not oppositions or competitors. Whoever is more favoured between the couple should be supportive of the other. Jealousy, envy and comparing oneself with others can cause family diversions.

There is a story of a man, whose wife was not in any way united and patient with him. The wife works in a bank but she is not supportive of her husband and family. The husband does not have a stable job but is often involved in one business today and another tomorrow. It is the husband that will still struggle around to get how the whole family will eat, pay bills, and support the children financially. The pressure of trying to meet up with the family needs as much on the man to the extent that he went to get a brand new car on higher purchase so he

can be using it for transportation. Less than a week that he got the car, armed robbers collected it from him at gunpoint. This issue was what put him in trouble and he died. If the wife had united with her husband, she would have been supportive, the man would not have fallen into the type of problem he found himself. He wouldn't have gone the extra mile of higher purchase a car.

If the wife is more blessed than the husband, it should be the blessing of the whole family. Anything the husband has or archived should be for the whole family. The statement "it is my own or it is your own" should not be a way of life in a family that wants victory. Rather it should always be "It is our own".

Togetherness is essential for a blessed family. It is not automatic, often it will need to be worked upon with much dedication, sacrifices,

conversation, and in some cases forgiveness and reconciliation. For us to be blessed, our home must be blessed, for a divided home cannot stand.

In unity, the husband and wife must train their children with one voice and the positive way of life and the way of the Lord. The existence of the parents and their godly services are useless if it doesn't reflect on the way of life of their children. Parents should not act as opposition when it comes to training their children or rebuking them when they did wrong. The book of **Proverbs 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.**

As parents, don't be too busy promoting someone else business or something else while you fail to give appropriate quality time to your children to listen to them and train them. It is

inappropriate to leave your children's parental responsibilities to your housemaid or their school teachers alone. Some parents even go far to the extent of fighting against whoever corrects their child without their consent.

Parents like this are not helping their children.

Though the Bible in **Psalms 127:3** called the children the heritage from the Lord, no doubt about that but if the parental roles are not played according to in the life of these children they can turn a tool in the hand of the devil and it will lead to the family losing victory.

Parents are called to raise children in the ways of the Lord. Eli's sons despised God's ways, even though they ministered in His name. But Eli did not restrain or rebuke them. Shaping children requires confronting our responsibility by addressing ungodly influences, early and consistently, **1 Samuel 2:22-23**.

For I have told him that I will judge his house

for ever for the iniquity which he knows,
because his sons made themselves vile, and he
did not restrain them.

I Samuel 3:13

The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child
left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

Train up a child in the way he should go, And
when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

Mark 10:6-9

But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘
made them male and female.’ For this reason,
a man shall leave his father and mother and be
joined to his wife, and the two shall become

one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate. ”

Chapter Five

Patience

Don't Give Up on Your Family

Patience is not just the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. Despite the ark taking decades to be completed Noah was patient enough with God. Most of the time we want everything to happen quickly, or even instantly, in our family. We are no longer willing to wait for God's time or interested in cooperating with our spouse. We have been fixing problems for years, but we have no patience when it comes to solving them.

Though we acknowledge we live in a digital period now but this is not the reality of life with God. He that believes shall not make haste, **Isaiah 28:16**. Everyone in the Bible that patiently waited upon the Lord came out victorious. E.g, Joseph, Abraham, Hannah, etc. We have to face difficulties, and even when life becomes extremely hard, we cannot give up. We must learn to keep on fighting. To have a blessed family, patience is required. An argument will not always be resolved quickly, or hurt may not turn into forgiveness overnight. Trust and love need to be cultivated. The harmony of a family is a daily achievement.

Impatience is a tool of the devil. Don't use it. That was what led to the downfall of many people. They were impatient. They wanted to satisfy the world and not God and that made them fall woefully.

Through lack of patience, our access to God can be cut off and we can decline our victory. The deep things of God can become more than we could know or comprehend. Satan came into our lives to minimize, nullify, destroy and preoccupy us. He has killed, stolen, and destroyed what God planted deep within many people. Through the years, the devil has succeeded in tearing marriages apart by convincing husbands and wives, that they are worthless, rotten, incapable people. This made many called married couples today not have faith in one another.

We should not stop fighting for the salvation of our family. To fight is to do absolutely all we can: to pray, fast, and cry out to God! When in doubt of the next step, we should not seek a solution in the world but rather let seek guidance in the Word: read the Bible. As a Godly family, we need to always be patient with

each other. It's in the Bible, **Ephesians 4:2**. Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

We all know that no newborn baby can crawl, stand, walk and talk on the same day. The growth and development of the life achievement of the baby to adult take time. No matter how perfect we believe with our timing, God's time is always the best and most appropriate.

If we are not secure concerning our worth and value as a unique individual in Christ, we will naturally find ourselves competing with the person of the world who appears to be successful and doing well and this can lead us to be impatient. Murmuring, grumbling, faultfinding and complaining usually occur when either something or someone has not gone the

way we want it to, or when we are having to wait for something longer than we expected. The Word of God teaches us to be patient during these times. Every family waiting on the Lord for victory should learn to enjoy where they are while they are on their way to where God is taking them to. It is very important between couples, that every matter of complaining and all related types of negative thinking and conversation be taken very seriously. It is dangerous to give our minds and mouth over to them. They are marriage killers.

Just like said earlier, patience is not just the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. The patience we are talking about here is the ability to wait on God's timing. While waiting you also walk on the paths of God. You avoid lamenting, complaining, or comparing your behind the scene situation to other people that you hardly know they're

behind the scene situation. During the time of patience, you have to be tolerant, fast to hear and slow to speak. A lot of people have broken down their family through their act of being slow to hear and fast to speak. This is not advisable for anyone who desires to be victorious.

The ark that saved Noah and his family didn't just appear suddenly or be built within a few days. It took years to build the ark. That is great patience must have had. He didn't question God or seek an alternative which many of us called or see as smartness today. Whoever wants to work with God and be victorious needs to be patient because the Lord does not see or reason the way we do. For the Lord does not see as man sees;

1 Samuel 16:7.

From Genesis to Revelation of the Bible we will

see that every victorious person mentioned was a result of patience.

Because someone else got there before you doesn't mean you will not get there. Lack of patience can make you walk out of God's presence unaware. Inadequacy of patience can make you bow to other gods unknown. If you are too anxious and not patient enough to wait for God's timing, it can give the devil a great chance to take advantage of you. Just like the true-life story of a woman mentioned in the introduction that went to seek an alternative after being childless for 15 years. Unknown to her, she sold herself to the devil thinking it was a victory. She was not patient enough with God's timing. If not for the mercy of God over her, many people like her go down forever without a solution.

Romans 12:11-19

11: not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13: distributing to the needs of the saints, and giving to hospitality. 14: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15: Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16: Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

17: Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18: If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

19: Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but

rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “
Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, ”says the Lord.

Psalms 27:14

**Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He
shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the
Lord!**

Chapter Six

Serving God

The family who serves God together will always win together. Sin, or rebellion against God, clogs up our ability to victory. Waywardness to God may have stunted your capacity for family advancement. As Noah came out of the ark, he didn't go to see the land or to find and prepare something to eat. The first thing he did was to raise an altar to the Lord. God was pleased with that offering, and then made a promise of blessing to all mankind.

The ark of God symbolises the presence of God. Wherever the ark dwelt, there were tremendous blessings. Consider Obededom. The ark remained with his family for three

months, and the Lord blessed him and his household because of this. The presence of God was what made the difference in Obededom's family. A family that faithfully serves God together is certain to victory over any challenge. The presence of God in such a family will keep the heavens over them perpetually open.

Steady family services to God satisfies because it is spiritual food indeed that strengthens. As you often reorder your life to make hearkening to the word of God and make it the centre of your family desire, you'll be satisfied with goodness and fatness. Some are hunting for blessings. But blessings come only after you have had encounters with the Word of God.

As a family, your service to God should not be limited to church things alone. You can also serve God by using everything God bless you

with to help the needy and sharing of the Good News with those around you. This should be done without showing up, eyes service or man's pleasing as many people used to do. Your service should be faithful and unconditional.

Sorcerer, psychic or other spiritual power outside God can not save you or your family. They can confirm your problem but they can not give you a victory. It does not matter what they give you to put in your home, it can not give you victory. It is time for us to raise an altar to God inside our homes. If there is a big secret to victory, this is it! Don't do it only on Sundays, but expand on it and bring church home. Be a family that prays and worships together. God needs to be the centre of our home and that can only happen when we worship together, along with one another, holding hands or with our arms raised to heaven in adoration.

Like Noah, we should walk in God's presence and work to strengthen our families. He is an example of a servant of God who took a holy stand before the corrupted world and decided to work to save his own. We cannot let our home be destroyed by pain and evil. May God always be the centre of our house, and may our families be more than conquerors through the name of Jesus. The time has come for us to enter the ark with our whole family and raise altars to God inside our homes!

Genesis 8:20-22

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, took of every clean animal and every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his

youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord . ”

Acts 16:31

So they said, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household. ”

Note this, not until you have a shrine or bow to an image that you serve another god. Anything

that takes the place of God in your life is god. You might not have a shrine but if you allow money, material things, etc to control your life or anything you put above God in your life is already another god you are serving. This is very dangerous because it can cause a family to lose the victory.

Noah was a good example of a servant of God who took a holy stand before the corrupted world and decided to work to save his own family.

Chapter Seven

Contentment

The Bible made us understand that contentment is great gain. Lack of contentment is what usually motivates people into covetousness. Many people are "possession possessed." They are never satisfied with what they have per time; nothing is ever enough. They always want more. Life means much more than the abundance of your possession.

Jesus warned concerning this in the book of **Luke 12:15...Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in**

the abundance of the things he possesses.

Covetousness is a sin that destroys and destabilizes many families and homes. It is the devil's trap which always leads to dissatisfaction, anxiety and unholy comparison. Covetous people are always anxious. Gehazi in **2 Kings 5:20** incurred the punishment of leprosy when he yielded to anxiety caused by his lack of contentment.

The cure for covetousness is contentment. The word of God in **1 Timothy 6:6-10** also says:... **Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and we can certainly carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of**

money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The abundance of possession acquired on earth is not the measure of what will determine our heaven. I have never seen a person buried with all his possessions, no matter the quality of possessions he has!

Many families have lost godliness due to their lust for worldly riches and greed. They've turned stone to bread and they have worshipped the devil to gain the world, **Luke 4:4-7**. Lusting after material things so much that it takes the place of God in your life is covetousness that must be replaced with contentment. Anything that takes the place of God is idolatry. Be content with what you have.

Money is good and truly necessary for means of living but when it turns to what we love, it is dangerous because it is like we are sowing evil which will later bear different types of calamities. This same love of money will certainly take the place of God in our lives. And as we know where God is absent, there would be the presence of the devil. So lack of contentment has opened doors for the devil to rule different families and it is the reason they are very victorious.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'

There is this story about two men who work in the same place and their wives got to be

friends too. One day, their wives were chatting on phone, one of the women was then sharing her previous night's experience with the other woman after she asked her about her night.

"My yesterday night was glorious, romantic and great. My husband took me out on a date. We were just catching fun on the streets as we didn't go with our car, so we trek to an eatery to have dinner and when we got home, we had candle night. It is one of the best memories ever."

After they ended the chat, the other woman was worried because her husband didn't take her out. When her husband came back from work at night, she queried and spoke to her husband in different impolite ways. So the next day when her husband got to the office, he approached his friend and asked him about the date he had with his wife. The man was

dumbfounded by the answer her got.

"When I arrived home, I realised no more gas to cook the dinner and there is no money to refill so my wife and I decided to eat outside. We didn't go in our car because no fuel and also no money to buy fuel so we decided to trek 45 minutes distance to the roadside canteen where we eat. When we got home back no electricity light because of the money I was owed, so the electricity in my house has been disconnected. My wife and I have to use the candlelight to sleep over the night."

If you know the behind-the-scenes of many families and the source of wealth you are starving for, you will appreciate God for your family. Don't compare yourself or your family to others. You must learn to live at your level per time. As a family, eat, drink, sleep and wear your size per time. Be assured of the fact that

where you are today is the last place you will ever be. Your path is destined to shine brighter and brighter every passing day until you get to God's ultimate for your life, **Proverbs 4:18**.

Beware Of 'Covetousness' in Marriage

Just accept the place you are now. God's Word says, **Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit than the proud in spirit "Ecclesiastes 7:8**.

Nobody climbs a ladder from the top; rather a ladder is climbed rung by rung from the bottom to the top. Your future is bright, do not despise it like Esau and eat your tomorrow today. Later, Esau sought his inheritance with tears, but it had been lost eternally, **Hebrews 12:16-17**. It was too late for him; may it not be too late for you!

Be excited about where you are now; your future is colourful and bright and you will get there. You don't have to steal or cheat to have more, just be contented and accept your present position. Some singles base their choice of life partner on the abundance of things the man has. They want a man with a big car, a high-paying job, a house etc. Any marriage that is founded on material possession is on a shaky foundation and will soon fall apart.

Don't be blinded by material things. Remove your heart and affection from material things, as this will cause you to lose out on God's placement for you and your family. A covetous person, who is never satisfied with what he or she has per time, will run into dubious people and do criminal things. Material things come and go. You cannot afford to tie your life to them.

As a man, do not compare your wife with your other women. As a woman, do not compare your husband with other men. Do not compare or nag your spouse for not possessing what your friend or your friend's spouse has. Don't push your spouse to do evil just to please you. When the punishment for that evil comes upon your spouse, you will suffer it too since you are the one married to him. Covetousness goes hand in hand with idolatry and pride.

Pride goes before destruction, Proverbs 16:18. God's Word in **Proverbs 28:16(b)** says, "... **but he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.**" This means that covetousness can rob you of long life! Shun covetousness and embrace God's Word in contentment; this is the cure for covetousness.

If there is anything you desire, go to God in

prayers and ask. He is the greatest provider.

Matthew 7:7...Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be
opened to you.

Conclusion

God is the Source and Creator of everything. He created men and women. He instituted marriage and make it to be fruitful to produce a family. Every key that leads to victory is in His hand.

Your family may be slurred and threatened by territorial forces and their paid agents you will find refuge and power in the word of God. You may be surrounded by enemies, do not forget that HE that is in you is greater than he that is

in the world. Their size and physical appearance may be intimidating, do not lose sight of the Lord who you abide with.

Don't be misled, your marriage, my marriage, our marriage will all face affliction but one thing is certain to us, the Lord will deliver us...**Psalms 34:19.**

God knows the in and out of everything He created including your family and mine. He is the only One who has the rightful solution to our challenges. Man often distances himself from Him through disobedience acts which usually cause our lack of victory.

Marriages that God created to last a lifetime now end more in divorces and other devilish causes of separation. These days, we hear husband intentionally stabbing their wife to death over a misunderstanding. Wives, cut her

husband's manhood because of an argument. Children use their parents for rituals. All these are satanic handworks. In the name of career fulfilment, financial prosperity and others, the devil has distracted many families from faithfully abiding in God so it can be easy for him to have access to the families.

What is the purpose of a fulfilling career cause you to lose your marriage?

What is the purpose of the financial prosperity you achieved that cause your family to break up?

Every family is encouraged to go back to their Source, Origin and Creator if they desire to be victorious.

As the plants need soil and the fish need water, every family needs God to survive and be

victorious. If every family is to realize and maximize their true purpose, a relationship with God is not an option. It is a necessity. If a man is to become all he was purposed to be, God is not an alternative for man, but a requirement in every family.

The Holy Spirit is the key that allows all the dormant power within you to come to life. Without the filling of the Holy Spirit, you can never function to your fullest ability to victory.

For a family to be victorious, the family have to be governed by the words of God.

God's word satisfied because it is the spiritual food that gives spiritual strength and power.

You will never discover the worth of your family and what your family is meant to be if you

often use other families to find your family. You will never know what you or your spouse can do by using what the other couple has done to measure your ability. You will never know why you exist if you use my existence to measure it. All you will see is what someone else has done or who they are. If you want to know who you are, look at God. The key to understanding life and each family victory is in the source of life, not in the life itself. Your family is what it is because God created you. If you want to know who you are, you must look at the Creator, not the creation.

In any marriage where the words of God are not a standard of living the family automatically becomes insensitive to spiritual truth. As you reorder your life and family to make heartening to the words of God and the centre of your desire, you and your family will be satisfied with goodness and fatness. Luke 4:4 says, But Jesus

answered him, saying, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. As our families feed on these words of God, we will grow up spiritually into the image and unto the stature of the son of God. It does not matter how you are hunting for blessings it will come only after you have had encounters with the word of God.

As important as prayer is, we won't get there by praying alone.

As important as fasting is, we won't get there by fasting alone.

Through self-denial may have a place in the Christian life, we won't get there by self-denial alone.

Experience is important but it can not take you

there.

Wonderful vision and revelation won't take you there.

The Bible tells us how to get there; We can only get the victory through our knowledge and commitment to the words of God.

The words of God are the only right diet that would make a family grows spiritual strength and power.

There are no shortcuts to your family's victory. It is deceitful to say there is a shortcut to victory for you, your family or your marriage outside of your creator. He that has no idea about your creation can never have an idea of your victory. Only the creator has the spare parts to replace the malfunctioning parts in

your life, family and marriage. Going after a shortcut can not give you victory but only make things worse for you.

Devote your family to the Lord so that when your faith is tested, you will be able to rise to the challenge and stand firm. If there is need to fast, do it when the enemy seeks to bring destruction. Cast your family wholly on the Lord. He is trustworthy and will never fail you.

Remain firm in your resolve to worship only the Lord. Recognize that others may come and try to wear your family down. Resist them, and hold fast to the Lord. Remember the Lord is too faithful to fail and will not forget your acts of service. Believe that He is able to bring all your family challenges to light in His perfect time in order to bless your family and further His plans and purposes.

The maintenance and effective operation of our

family and marriage is our responsibility. Like any essential equipment, our marriage and family need regular checkups, proper amounts of commitment, continuous effective prayers, true friendship, transparency, recreation (rest, sleep, and fasting), and invigorating exercise.

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